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Mr. David Waddell **Executive Director** Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

> Docket No. 99-00645, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Create Rule 1220-4-11 RE:

Concerning Regulations of Certain Telemarketing Practices

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Regarding the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's proposed Telemarketing Rule, Sprint Communications Company L.P., United Telephone-Southeast, Inc., and Sprint Spectrum L.P. (collectively "Sprint") wish to emphasize the importance of the Tennessee Telecommunications Association's Joint Comments to the Proposed Rule. As a signing party, Sprint believes the Joint Comments address those areas of greatest concern to Sprint.

In addition to the Joint Comments, Sprint would like to make a few general comments. First, Sprint believes that several sections of the Proposed Rule, particularly where definitions are concerned, should mirror the language in the Act. Second, Sprint has found that several of the Proposed Rule practices are similar to FCC regulations pertaining to telemarketing practices and believes that the Proposed Rule should adopt or closely follow the language of existing federal regulations in order to create a single body of regulations. Third, Sprint supports the policy underlying Chapter 478 of the Public Acts of 1999 and generally finds the Proposed Rule to be necessary and important protections for Tennessee consumers. Sprint intends to file supplemental comments within the thirty (30) day time period in which the record remains open.

Please contact me or Laura Sykora (919-554-7323) if you have any questions.

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